RAJYA SABHA

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The House met at eleven of the clock, **The Vice-Chairman (Shri Jagesh Desai)** in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Development of Tourist Spots in Andhra Pradesh

*241. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to grant financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh for development of various tourist spots in and around Warangal; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to extend the same facilities as are available for tourist development in places like Hampi, Khajuraho and other tourist spots?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requirement of tourism infrastructure varies from place to place depending upon the location of the place, its potential, tourist inflows, etc. The Ministry would extend such facilities as are felt would meet the tourist requirements of the place.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: The Minister says that there is a proposal under Government's consideration for grant of financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh for developing this particular spot around Warangal. If the answer is yes, I would like to know from the Minister as to what should be the possible financial assistance that will be forthcoming for this place and how long will it take for the Government's final decision on developing this particular tourist centre as a scheme under Central assistance?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: There are nine on-going projects in Andhra Pradesh and there are nearabout twentyfive new schemes under the consideration of the Government. Out of these, sixteen schemes are for 1988-89. For on-going schemes the Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 166.83 lakhs and the money released is Rs. 55.50 lakhs.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Are you speaking about the particular scheme for development of Warangal?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: For Ramappa, which is nearabout Warangal, the Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 20.81 lakhs for provision of additional accommodation there and Rs. 5 lakhs has been released during 1985-86. The additional accommodation will consist of eight cottages and restaurants with toilet facilities etc.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: One of the criteria for building infrastructural facilities as stated by the Minister is location of the place. I hope since Warangal is located in Andhra Pradesh, that itself does not become anathema for the Government of India not to develop it. I hope not. However, in the case of Warangal, it is very rich in all aspects. The Ramappa Temple, about which the Minister mentioned earlier, is there. Then there is Vakla Lake. There is a thousand-pillar temple and there is the Warangal Fort, Kakatia Fort. On the way there is Tambarti Centre where brassware is developed. Then there is a Jain temple on the way. Then there is Holagiri Hill on the way. So, this is a very rich place from any point of view, from the tourist point of view, from the development of artisan skills and display of things etc. points of view. In fact, in this

connection recently when the Minister for Human Resources Development went to Warangal, which happens to be his native place, the temple people there tried to explain to him how for want of proper maintenance a very important temple like the Thousand-Pillar Temple is in decay. The Minister is reported to have viewed the things favourably. Therefore, I would like to know why there is a delay in developing this particular Warangal area, which is very rich and fair in architectural beauty, artisan skills and so on. Why is the delay? Why can't it be taken on par? We are very happy that they are developing Humpi. Similarly we are happy for development of Khajuraho But I would like to know from the Minister when from all points of view the conditions for development of tourist centre do exist in Warangal, why is there delay in locating the tourist centre here?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Sir, there is no delay in locating the centre. It is the responsibility of the State Government to formulate its scheme and send it to the Government of India, Ministry of Tourism to approve the scheme. In the Sixth Plan period it was decided by the Central Government in consultation with the Government of Andhra Pradesh that they will develop these three travel circuits in this area with the help of the State Government, Central Government and the private sector. So on this very basis, the schemes were formulated by the State Government. Many of them have been approved. If the Member desires, I can read out the details of the scheme which we have sanctioned for nine on-going projects. I want to say that the State Government is not giving us the utilisation certificates and that is why the sanctioned money is not being released for certain projects. There is no delay on our part. In fact, we are trying our best to develop these centres in a nice way.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: The Minister has mentioned about some new proposals sent by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. One of them is setting up of a mini-Disneyland in Hyderabad City for which the NRIs abroad have promised the entire equipment in lieu of some house sites. The State Government has agreed to give it. But, unfortunately, the Union Government has not been able to give clearance for this project. In fact, they wanted the State Government to revise the proposal and submit a revised proposal which has already been done by the State Government. Will the Minister assure us that at least the revised proposal will be accepted by her Ministry as well as the Finance Ministry so that this can be set up?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Sir, there was a proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh but they have not sought any financial assistance from our Ministry. They have asked us to recommend their case to the Finance Ministry. As Mr. Upendra has said, we have sent back the proposal to the State Governmen and we are still awaiting the revised proposal.

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Mr Vice-Chairman, Sir, Dr. Alchin was a great archaeologist and a great historian. He visited Humpi in Karnataka, Nalanda in Bihar, Lothal in Gujarat. These are three medieval townships and these have got to be maintained as tourist attraction spots also. Therefore, under these circumstances, I would like to know, Sir, what exact steps have been taken in this regard. I know that there was a lot of encroachment in all these three places and nothing has been done to prevent encroachment. There is no coordination between the Archaeological Department and the Tourist Department. These places are supposed to be under the Tourist De-

partment and the Archaeological Department. I do not know when there will be coordination and when it is going to take place. I shall be very happy if the Minister gives us a clear understanding that these three townships one in Gujarat, one in Karnataka and the other one in Bihar will be developed and maintained as tourist spots.

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: As far as Humpi in Karnataka is concerned, I can say something. But for the other two places a separate notice is required. For Humpi, the Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 15.58 lakhs for construction of cafeteria-cum-restaurant complex and Rs. 7.50 lakhs were released to the Government of Karnataka during 1983-84. The work has not yet started due to change of site. It is the fault of the State Government and not the Central Government.

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Sir, I would like to tell the Minister that Cafeteria has already been constructed and it is lying unused for the last 20 years. A proposal to construct a tourist hostel nearby is pending because permission was not given by the Archaeology Department. The State Government cannot do anything. We should ask the C.P.W.D. to do something so that students can go and get inspiration from these things.

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Sir, it is a suggestion and I have noted it.

PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Sir, the question is of a limited jurisdiction. But some related three general issues I want to raise and draw the attention of the Minister. One is development of tourist-related infrastructure. There are several other areas where tourist infrastucture needs to be developed. I am particularly talking about U.P., Bihar and Orissa where places of Buddhist interest are of considerable significance and meet their problems at the State Government level but given the State Government's performance, would the Minister consider that at the level of the Central Government, not only Centrally financed, but Centrally executed and accelerated infrastructural facilities development in places of Buddhist interest should be taken up?

(b) So far it seems that the tourism industry has worked or Tourism Ministry has worked more in terms of foreign exchange earning priorities or the number of foreign tourists arriving. Tourism is a great industry of promise in terms of development. Would the Minister kindly consider giving a higher weightage to employment generation in the service sector through the channels of tourist development?

(c) Tourism needs to develop but the chances are that the benefits of tourism generally bypass the local community. I will particularly mention the case of Leh. You go to Leh. A lot of activity is there but I was told that all the cooks for Leh in the tourist region are picked up from Delhi or Srinagar and to that extent the local benefits are not really coming to the people who deserve it Would the Ministry consider this aspect in the new thrust?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Sir, it is a very long question and it is not related to this question. But for Buddhist centres, one Committee was constituted and they have identified many places of tourist importance. Many projects are going on and we also want to identify some new projects. The hon. Member has rightly said that it is an industry. This Ministry is foreign exchange earner and we are thinking on all these terms to develop more and more tourist centres in order to attract foreign tourists as well as domestic tourists. We are also giving importance to domestic tourists.

SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether there is any proposal pending from the State Government with regard to the Amravati, Guntur District Buddhist centre and also about Nagarjunasagar in respect of the development of these two centres. The Nagarjunasagar university was there in the olden days and Buddhist centre is there in Amravati. Both are in very bad shape and there is no development. By maintaining them properly, we can attract foreign tourists to both the places but the State Government has not taken care to see it. I would like to know whether it comes under the purview of the State Government or the Central Government and whether there is any proposal to improve both the centres.

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Sir, one proposal was sent to us in 1987-88 regarding water sports equipment in Nagarjunasagar and the proposal has been approved in principle and in the next year, we will see that some funds are released for it.

SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: What about Amravati?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): Please ask short and pointed questions.

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Amravati is also included but it is under consideration.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Sir, the hon. Minister has said that Tourism department is taking interest to develop the tourist spots. Earlier also it has been assured that Andhra Pradesh is a rich State so far as tourist centres are concerned but the Tourism department has neglected the State and has not taken any proper steps As a matter of fact, not only Warangal, Amravati and Nagarjunasagar but there are a number of tourist centres in different districts of Andhra Pradesh. For instance, Karimnagar. Then Arakuvalley. Then in Karimnagar, Vemulavada. Then in Mahbubnagar district, there are a number of tourist centres and the Tourism department must chalk out intensive programme to develop all these centres to attract not only the domestic tourists but also foreign tourists. Part (b) of my question is In order to attract and accommodate foreign and domestic tourists, is the Tourism Department taking any interest to construct hotels or motels or some restaurants and if so, what are the details?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Sir, it is the work of the Tourism Department to identify the places of tourist attraction and develop them. But they cannot be developed in one day or one year. It will take time.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: How many years? After independence, so many years have passed by.

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: रेड्डी साहब ने कहा है कि डोमेस्टिक टूरिस्ट्स का ख्याल रखा जाय। We are constructing Yatri Niwases and other small places for domestic tourists. They can go and stay there.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: I want to know the details of these Yatri Niwases.

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : श्रीमन्, मेरा एक पाइन्ट आफ आर्डर है। आप इस प्रश्न के अंग्रेजी और हिन्दी दोनों भागों को पढ़िये तो आप देखेंगे कि इसमें गलती है। राज्य सभा में यह बराबर से होता आ रहा है कि फ्लड की जगह ड्राउट कर देंगे और ड्राउट की जगह फ्लड कर देंगे। दोनों प्रश्नों को आप देखें तो ये दो तरह के हैं। इसमें अनुवाद भी गलत है और सेरिएटम भी

गलत है। 'ए' में कुछ कहा है और 'क' में कुछ और कहा है। इसी तरह से 'बी' में कुछ है तो 'ख' में कुछ है। अगर सवाल गलत होगा तो जवाब भी गलत होगा।

दूसरी बात मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि आपने कहा कि यात्री निवास डोमेस्टिक टूरिस्ट्स के लिए भी बना रहे है, लेकिन मैं पूछना चाहता हूं कि आप कहां बना रहे है ? मेरे ख्याल से तो आप नहीं बना रहे है। मैं एक छोटा सा उदाहरण देना चाहता हूं। बिहार में देवघर है, वहां पर श्रावण मास में लाखों यात्री जाते हैं। वहां पर कुछ भी नही बनाया गया है।

श्रीमन्, यह अनुवाद की गलती का सवाल मैं कई बार उठा चुका हूं। हम लोग सवाल हिन्दी में लिखकर देते हैं, लेकिन विभागों के पास अंग्रेजी में सवाल भेजा जाता है। राज्य सभा सचिवालय में यह गलत परम्परा डेवलप हो गई है। सवाल हिन्दी में पूछा जाय तो आफिसरों से उसकी क्वेरी भी हिन्दी में होनी चाहिए।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): I think, against the first point he is correct. In future, care should be taken to see that it is correctly done.

श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई : सवाल का जवाब तो करेक्ट भेजा गया है ... **(व्यवधान)**

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : जब एक आदमी के लिए सारी व्यवस्था हो सकती है तो यह व्यवस्था क्यो नही हो सकती है ?

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री जगेश देसाई) : मैं आपकी बात से सहमत हूं। अंग्रेजी में स्लिप लगी है, लेकिन हिन्दी में नही लगी है भविष्य में इस बारे में ज्यादा ध्यान दिया जाना चाहिए।

श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई : श्रीमन्, मैंने सिर्फ यह कहा है कि यात्री निवास में कम पैसे पर टूरिस्ट्स रह सकते हैं। यात्री निवास का कंस्ट्रक्शन हो रहा है। यात्री निवास के बनाने में और होटल्स के बनाने में कोई रेस्ट्रिक्शन नही है। यात्री निवास में लोग कम पैसे में रह सकते हैं। हम एक स्टार, दो स्टार और तीन स्टार होटल बना रहे है।

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : अगर आप बना रहे हैं तो आप उनकी लिस्ट दे दीजिये ताकि हम लोगो मे आपकी प्रशंसा कर सकें।

श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई : जरूर दे देंगे।

Enforcement of the Guest Control Order due to Drought in the Country

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SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:†

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enforce the Guest Control Order to check lavish entertainment on marriages and other functions in view of the unprecedented drought in the country;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what other steps Government propose to take control conspicuous consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Parvathaneni Upendra.